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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: AGENDA ITEM

39: FINAL PLENARY ACTION ON REGIONAL
MEMBERSHIP

1. PLENARY SESSION NOVEMBER 21 TOOK FINAL ACTION
APPROVING, INTER ALIA, US AND CANADA ENTRY INTO UNESCO
EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP, AS WELL AS SOVIETS INTO
"EUROPE, ASIA AND OCEANIA". VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS
WHOLE 65 (US) - 2 - 9. ISRAELI FINAL ATTEMPT--AFTER
LOSING AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN COMMISSION VOTE --
FAILED BY ROLL-CALL VOTE OF 33 IN FAVOR, 48 AGAINST,
31 ABSTENTIONS AND 22 "ABSENT". ISRAELIS, WITH US
ONLY MEMBER STATE INTERVENING IN SUPPORT, INTRODUCED
AMENDMENT TO REINSERT "ISRAEL-EUROPE".

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2. AS WESTERN EUROPEANS VOTED IN FAVOR (SEE LIST

BELOW) B UT DID NOT SPEAK REPEAT NOT SPEAK IN FAVOR.
HOWEVER, COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES FURTHER HAD SPECIFIC-
ALLY ADVISED ISRAELIS BEFORE VOTE NOT TO INTRODUCE
AMENDMENT. OUTCOME NEVERTHELESS, LEAVES DOOR AJAR AS
RESOLUTION TEXT PROVIDES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF
STATES NOT YET IN A REGIONAL GROUP BY 19TH GENERAL
CONFERENCE AND EXBD CAN INVITE TO SPECIFIC REGIONAL
MEETINGS.

3. CHINESE AMENDMENT TO DELETE "ASIA AND OCEANIA"
FROM FORMULA FOR SOVIETS CITED PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE
FAILED BY VOTE OF 3 IN FAVOR (PRC, ALBANIA, EL
SALVADOR) TO 48 AGAINST (SOVIETS, ARABS, SOME W.
EUROPE, SOME AFRICA) AND 45 ABSTENTIONS (US, ASIA,
W. EUROPE, L.A., AFRICA).

4. FINAL VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS WHOLE INCLUDING US,
CANADA, SOVIETS, ALONG WITH OTHERS HAD ONLY (ISRAEL
AND PARAGUAY AGAINST AND OF 9 ABSTENTIONS (CHINA AND
FRANCE) MOST NOTABLE.

5. NOTEWORTHY THAT FRANCE INTERVENED AT BEGINNING OF
DEBATE AND, CONTRARY TO PRE-VOTE RUMORS OF INTENDED
LAST-DITCH FRENCH EFFORT AGAINST US-CANADA, EXPLAINED
THEY WOULD ABSTAIN "IN INTEREST OF FRIENDSHIP FOR
COUNTRIES INVOLVED" IN VOTE.

6. ROLL-CALL VOTE ON ISRAELI ENTRY AS FOLLOWS. FOR
(33): FRG, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, CANADA, CHILE,
COSTA RICA, DENMARK, EL SALVADOR, ECUADOR, USA, FIN-
LAND, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, IRELAND, ICELAND,
ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAWI, NICARAGUA,
NORWAY, NEW ZEALAND, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, NETHERLANDS, UK
SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA.

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7. AGAINST 48: YEMEN, YEMEN PDR, YUGOSLAVIA, AFGHANI-STAN, ALGERIA, ALBANIA, SAUDI ARABIA, BAHREIN, BENGALADESH, BYELOURSIA, BULGARIA, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, EGYPT, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, SPAIN, GUINEA, HUNGARY, INDONESIA, IRAQ, IRAN, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBYA, MALAYSIA, MAURITANIA, MONGOLIA, NIGER, NIGERIA, UGANDA, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PERU, POLAND, QATAR, GDR, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, SUDAN, SYRIA, TANZANIA, TCHAD, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TUNISIA, UKRAINE, USSR.

8. ABSTENTIONS 31: ZAIRE, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BURMA, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, CAR, COLOMBIA, IVORY COAST, DAHOMEY, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GAMBIA, GHANA, GREECE, INDIA, JAPAN, KENYA, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, MADAGASCAR, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, NEPAL, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL, RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, TOGO, TURKEY.

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9. ABSENTEES 22: MOSTLY AFRICANS AS WELL AS SOME ASIANS (ROK, DPRK,, LAOS, VIETNAM, THAILAND, SRI LANKA). COMBINED BULK OF AFRICAN ABSENTIONS AND "ABSENCES" ON AN ISSUE OF OBVIOUS EMOTIONAL IMPORTANCE TO ARABS, WHO WANTED "NO" VOTES, IS NOTEWORTHY.

10.FYI: ISRAELIS HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT INTRODUCE AMENDMENT TO REGIONS RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, WHEN DEPUTY DG FOBES INTRODUCED REGIONAL AGENDA ITEM HE MADE PARTICULAR NOTE OF FACT ALL MEMBER STATES EXCEPT ISRAEL BELONGED TO REGIONAL GROUPS. ISRAELIS STATED THIS

PROMPTED THEIR PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT AS, EVIDENTLY
FOR DOMESTIC REASONS ONCE DIRECT NOTICE TAKEN OF GOI
THEY FELT CONSTRAINED SEEK AMENDMENT.
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